
Request for comment - Deadline Tuesday 10/8

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Jason Paladino <jpaladino@pogo.org>
To: osd.pa.dutyofficer@mail.mil

Fri, Oct 4, 2019 at 9:50 AM

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Does the Office of the Secretary of Defense believe the American people have a right to know how many troops are currently deployed in war zones?

Thank you and I look forward to your response before my deadline of Tuesday, October 8th.

Very Respectfully,
Jason Paladino

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Tue, Oct 8, 2019 at 12:27 PM

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To: Jason Paladino <jpaladino@pogo.org>

Tue, Oct 8, 2019 at 12:54 PM

Jason,

Currently, there are approximately 5200 service members in Iraq and approximately 14,000 in Afghanistan. Due to operational security concerns, we are not releasing the number in Syria.

V/R,

Duty Officer

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